

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 24, 2004

FROM: KEN A. MILLER, Director
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT #02-720 WITH LSA ASSOCIATES, INC.
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ON CHERRY AVENUE @ I-10
INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 02-720 with LSA Associates, Inc., increasing the amount by \$36,650 from \$109,717 to \$146,367 for additional environmental services required for the Cherry Avenue at I-10 interchange improvement project in the Fontana area.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The County, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) and the City of Fontana are working to improve various interchanges on Interstate 10. On July 9, 2002 the Board approved subject contract in the amount of \$109,717. This contract was needed because CALTRANS was requiring environmental studies and analysis for this project that incorporated new traffic data. The schedule has been extended for reasons beyond LSA's control and additional services have been required by CALTRANS, since the contract was executed. The Cultural Studies scope has increased significantly due to the expanded Area of Potential Effects associated with long soundwalls. An additional 18 months has been projected due to extended CALTRANS review periods for draft technical studies and delays caused by a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) imposed requirement for an I-10 Corridor study and U.S. Fish & Wildlife assignment of indirect mitigations for the Delhi Sands Flower Loving Fly.

LSA Associates's cost proposal for this additional required work was evaluated by the County's project manager. After a subsequent reduction in the project management area, LSA's proposal was deemed fair and reasonable. LSA Associates was originally selected for this contract based on the results of a formal request for proposal process.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Charles S. Scolastico (387-5481) on February 5, 2004 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst 387-4635) on February 10, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The contract increase is \$36,650. Appropriations for these additional services are available in the FY 2003/2004 budget for the County Road Fund (SAA-TRA-TRA). The County Road Fund will be reimbursed for these costs by the County Redevelopment Agency since the interchange improvements will benefit the San Sevaine Redevelopment area. In addition, the department will apply these costs as a local match for future SANBAG funding to complete the Project Report and Plans, Specifications and Estimates, for which the environmental studies are only a portion of the projects overall work.

Record of Action of the Board of Supervisors

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COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and concurs with the Department's recommendation because these additional services are being required by CALTRANS in order to proceed with the project. When completed, this project will improve traffic circulation on Cherry Avenue at I-10.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): 2ND

PRESENTER: Ken A. Miller, 387-7906

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